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Withdrawal of a candidate nominated by national groups

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. By a letter dated 6 October 2001, Mr. Georges Abi-Saab asked the Secretary-General to withdraw his name from the list of candidates nominated by national groups. The list was circulated by the Secretary-General on 17 September 2001 in document A/56/373-S/2001/882.

2. A copy of Mr. Abi-Saab's letter is attached (see annex).

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Annex

Letter dated 6 October 2001 from Mr. Georges Abi-Saab addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: French]

I have been informed in a letter from the President of the International Court of Justice that my name is on the list of candidates nominated by the national groups in the Permanent Court of Arbitration to succeed Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui as a member of the International Court of Justice.

I am very grateful to those who deemed me worthy of fulfilling this function and I appreciate the true value of their initiative in spontaneously nominating me.

Subsequently, however, the Government of Egypt chose to give its official support to another candidate. Accordingly, I should like to ask you to withdraw my name from the list of candidates and to inform the delegations of the content of this letter.

(*Signed*) Georges **Abi-Saab**